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Rear Admiral William E. "Bill" Landay, III
Chief of Naval Research
Assistant Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Science and Technology
Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements

Rear Admiral Bill Landay graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1978 and was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer. His first assignment was as Gunnery Assistant and Combat Information Center Officer in *USS Hepburn* (FF 1055). Subsequent sea tours included Ship Control Officer in *USS Nicholas* (FFG 47), Commanding Officer of *USS Aquila* (PHM 4), and Commanding Officer of *USS Paul Hamilton* (DDG 60). During Rear Adm. Landay's tour, *Paul Hamilton* was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for operational performance, two Silver Anchor awards for retention excellence, and the Spokane Trophy for outstanding Combat Systems Readiness.

Ashore, he has served as a Team Training Instructor and *Harpoon* course director at Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific; C4I Program Officer and Executive Assistant to the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems at the United States Transportation Command. Acquisition tours included assignment as Surface, Strike, and Underwater Warfare Manager and Fleet Support Officer in the *Aegis* Program Office; Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; Deputy for Fleet and Lifetime Support in the Program Executive Office, Theater Surface Combatants; and Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant

Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). As a Flag Officer he served as the Program Executive Officer for Littoral and Mine Warfare from 2004 through 2005.

In January 2006, Rear Adm. Landay became the 21st Chief of Naval Research. He also assumed the duties of the Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Science and Technology and Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements.

He holds a B.S. in Systems Engineering from the Naval Academy, a M.S. in Systems Technology (C4I) from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School. He was the 1998-99 Navy Fellow in the Defense Systems Management College, Military Research Fellowship Program. He is a level 3 certified Acquisition Professional and a Proven Subspecialist in C4I Systems.

Rear Adm. Landay's personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), as well as various unit awards.